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Etsuko KIMURA

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application.

- claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Palatsi; and
- claims 3-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. (Anderson).

In particular, the Examiner has now returned to the Palatsi (which was not applied in final Office Action) and Anderson (which was previously applied to claims 1-10) references cited and applied in the first Office Action, dated October 23, 2002, in this application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections as follows.